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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/705,786	WEISS ET AL.
	Examiner John R. Hardee	Art Unit 1751

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3,9,11,12 and 14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2,4,6-8,10 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11102003.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

Election/Restriction

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-14, drawn to [4.4.0] fused lactones, classified in various classes and subclasses, depending on substituents.
 - II. Claims 1-14, drawn to compounds and compositions containing same, wherein the compound is other than as in A, classified in various classes and subclasses, depending on substituents.

In addition, one method of synthesizing the elected invention will be searched and examined, if any are claimed.

1. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:
Inventions I and II are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions have not been disclosed as being capable of use together, and they have different effects inasmuch as the various lactones will possess different odors. Furthermore, these families of compounds are patentably distinct. A disclosure of one of the groups would not anticipate or make obvious any of the other groups.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for any one Group is not required for any other Group, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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2. During a telephone conversation with Mr. Joseph Leightner on September 6, 2005 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims . Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 3, 9, 11, 12 and 14 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Remaining claims were searched and examined only to the extent that they read on the elected invention.

3. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Double Patenting

4. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

5. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10 and 13 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,462,015. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because method claim 7 of the patent is drawn to the same method steps as presently recited in claim 13, with the exception that present claim 13 contains non-elected subject matter. Claims 1-6 are drawn to imparting or enhancing the aroma in consumer consumables using benzopyrans which fall within the genus of the lactones presently elected. Accordingly, patented claims 1-6 anticipate claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8 and 10.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Merlic et al. See structures 13 a-d. Language drawn to consumer materials, perfume compositions, fabric softeners and articles recites intended use and does not add patentable weight. The presence of a solvent and a flask can be fairly inferred, and these would be perfumed by the lactones.

8. Claims 1, 4 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Naigre et al. See structure 2 on p. 96. Language drawn to consumer materials, perfume

compositions, fabric softeners and articles recites intended use and does not add patentable weight. The presence of a solvent and a flask can be fairly inferred, and these would be perfumed by the lactones.

9. Claims 1, 4 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wolinsky et al. in view of Chemical Abstracts Registry. Wolinsky discloses the synthesis of iridomyrmecin. A structure is not disclosed. STN discloses a structure which anticipates these claims. Language drawn to consumer materials, perfume compositions, fabric softeners and articles recites intended use and does not add patentable weight. The presence of a solvent and a flask can be fairly inferred, and these would be perfumed by the lactones.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

11. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The closest prior art of record is the references relied upon above. Preparation of a perfumed polymer as recited in this claim is not anticipated or motivated by any of the cited references.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to the examiner, Dr. John R. Hardee, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1318. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through

Friday from 8:00 until 4:30. In the event that the examiner is not available, his supervisor, Dr. Yogendra Gupta, may be reached at (571) 272-1316.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8100.

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